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◆ **New Editor for OH Newsletter:** As of January, Linda Cooper, in the OCHMO DC office, will now be managing the content and publication of the OH Newsletter. OCHMO commends Bart Geyer of Innovative Health Applications for his efforts in assuring a timely, informative and quality OH newsletter over the past 9 years. While part of the objective of this newsletter is to relay current events at the HQ level, the other objective is to broadcast Center accomplishments, lessons learned and other significant events agency-wide. As a result, we encourage you to send articles that you feel will broaden information exchange between the Centers. Please send all submittals to Linda at the e-mail address listed at the bottom of this newsletter. Thanks to everyone who participated in the OH newsletter survey that was conducted in January. Analysis is currently being done and determinations made as to whether there will be future changes in format, distribution schedule, length, and content.

◆ **EHR Update:** To date, rollout of the EHR has occurred at 7 Centers with Johnson Space Center (JSC) and Headquarters (HQ) training just completed the week of January 16. The HQ Health Unit received training on the Medgate GX Medical Module; at JSC, Industrial Hygiene (IH) staff received training on the Medgate GX Industrial Hygiene Module. Preparations are now underway for the Medgate GX training at Ames Research Center (ARC) the week of February 13. The ARC “go live” is currently scheduled for Thursday, February 17. The Health Unit and the IH staff will both be attending the training.

◆ **Work & Family Life Newsletter:** Sign up Today for the **Work & Family Life Newsletter!** The NASA Office of Human Capital and Office of the Chief Health and Medical Officer are pleased to offer employees the opportunity to subscribe to the **Work & Family Life Newsletter**. The newsletter contains valuable information and articles to help employees achieve a work-life balance. To view a sample of the newsletter, please click [here](#). Subscribing to the newsletter can be completed by accessing the Office of Human Capital portal: <https://lists.hq.nasa.gov/mailman/listinfo/work-life-news>.

◆ **The 2012 Annual OH Meeting:** Due to recent requirements for reporting NASA meetings, we are currently in the process of coordination and form submittal and will have additional details about this year’s annual occupational health meeting in the coming weeks. This information will be disseminated to all occupational health offices as soon as information is available. We understand that many of you need

this information for travel planning and will do what we can to provide you with information as we receive it.

◆ **Article on NASA OH Program Published:** A paper tracing the history and development of NASA’s Occupational Health Program has been e-published this month in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health. It highlights the programs and people who focused their energies on ensuring the health and safety of the workforce since NASA’s beginnings. While an electronic version of the article has been released, it will not actually appear in the JOEM until March or April. For a copy, please contact Cathy Angotti at the OCHMO DC Office.



◆ **EH Value Series Wrap Up:** For those of you who were not able to attend the Environmental Health Value Series WebEx’s, they are all available at the bottom of the ViTS page on the [OH website](#). Remember, this is a way to leverage Industrial Hygiene, Health Physics and Safety goals by showing management that health and safety involvement can be the best value.

◆ **March EH ViTS to Focus on Ergonomics:** In late 2011, the AIHA Board of Directors approved a new [ergonomics reference document](#) for employees and employers created by the AIHA Ergonomics Committee. For the March EH ViTS, the past chairman of the AIHA Ergonomics Committee, Colin J Brigham will be with us to discuss this document, providing background and insight on the information contained and referenced in the document. Other members of the committee involved with the document may also join us and participate in the ViTS.

◆ **OH Website Fitness Page:** Take a look at the new Fitness page on the [OH website](#) on February 9 when it goes live. New features include additional resources and links, a “click” to see all primary Fitness Center contacts and photos of Center Fitness Facilities. If you would like to add more photos of your fitness center, please send them electronically to janine.e.hardin@nasa.gov.

◆ **NASA OH Center Review Calendar:**

- White Sands Test Facility, March 19 – 23
- Stennis Space Center, April 2 – 6

◆ **Upcoming OH ViTS & Webinars:**

- Federal Workers Compensation ViTS – February 7, 1:00-2:00 EST
- Fitness ViTS – February 22, 1:00-2:00 EST
- Health Promotion Workgroup ViTS – March 6, 1:30-2:30 EST
- Environmental Health ViTS – March 7, 11:00-12:00 EST

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